



Coastal, Central and Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Councils Joint Environment & Sustainability Committee Meeting MINUTES

Monday, February 24, 2020 6:00PM to 7:30PM
Municipal Building, 4th Floor Engineering Conference Room
638 S. Beacon St., San Pedro CA 90731

Committee member attendees: **CSPNC:** Richard Havenick, Allen Franz, **NWSPNC:** Tom Maeder, Gwendolyn Henry

Non-Committee Member Attendees: Rosalie Preston - HGNNC, Adele Healy - CSPNC, Robert Farrell - CSPNC, Jacqueline Lambrichts - CSPNC, Pesach Chaniah - BreatheLA, Bill Zankich - Rancho LPG, Ron Conrow - Plains LPG, Terry L. Andrews - Indivisible, Daniel Tamm - LA Sanitation & Environment, Amanda Pantoja - Food Water Watch, Francisco Carrillo - Rep Barragan, Gary Hardie - Rep Barragan, Tamanna Rahman - Harbor Community Benefits Foundation, Chuck Hart - SPPHU, Noel Weiss - Law Offices of Noel Weiss

AGENDA

1. Call to Order 6:00 PM

2. Public Comment on non-agenda items.

Daniel Tamm - Program Marketing Specialist at the Dept. of Public Works, LA Sanitation & Environment, sanitation is very expansive, important, and directly connected to protection of the environment and public health. The programs administered by LA Sanitation tackle many of the environmental issues in Mayor Eric Garcetti's Green New Deal. Mr. Tamm encourage everyone to recycle and assures that everything that is put properly in the blue bins is recycled. There is an ongoing mission to reduce single use plastics and turn green waste into garden gold: gardeners can take an LASAN class to learn the finer points on composting with organic materials from the kitchen and garden. Visit www.LaCitySan.org to explore the vast array of services AND fun, educational programs available to the community. Saturday, March 7, 2020 adopt a free fruit or shade tree at the Wilmington Arbor Day Celebration. Banning Museum and Recreation Center - 401 E M St, Wilmington. In the spring, High School Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to watch LA Sanitation Careers page for PAID 6-week internships to the Engineering and Science Program. As for trash removal and recycling, bulky item pick up is easy & free to residents, just call in advance. Take e-waste (televisions, computers, printers, cables, cell phones, microwaves, old electronics & gadgets - hazardous materials like batteries, anti-freeze and other auto fluids, paint, solvents, empty aerosol cans, pool and garden chemicals, unused medicine & home generated SHARPS) to the convenient SAFE center on Gaffey Street in San Pedro. Have you witnessed anyone dumping garbage on the street, in gutters or storm drains? Call 800-773-2489 to report illegal dumping. It is a serious health and safety issue and the city is requesting the community to be vigilant and report. Visit www.LaCitySan.org for more information. Daniel's email: Daniel.tamm@lacity.org LA San & Environment: Call 800-773-2489 or go to the myla311 APP <https://www.lacity.org/myla311> or www.lacitysan.org to request service.

Gwendolyn Henry – LA County Park's Deane Dana Friendship Park & Nature Center and the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council invite everyone for a day of FREE FAMILY FUN on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at WildFest – a festival that celebrates the animals that live amongst us in our "Urban Forest," and the pets that love us in our homes. It's a day filled with bug and animal discoveries, a special story time, crafts, chalk drawing. Over 30 exhibitors will provide information, rebates and demonstrations on electric bicycles, recycling, home gardening, planting trees, native plants and pollinators, pet ownership, rescue & adoption. Discover how a few simple changes in your day-to-day routines can reduce your environmental footprint and create a cleaner, better world for future generations. Learn how to save on utility bills! Find out all the amazing discounts & rebates available from the city, county & state for improvements to your garden, switching to eco-friendly garden equipment, solar and more! Are you and your family prepared for an earthquake? You should be. Mother Nature doesn't call first! Explore the Emergency Preparedness Expo get all sorts of great information on how to get ready for any disaster. **A terrific volunteer opportunity for student Community Service Hours!** www.nwsanpedro.org or call (310) 519-6115 for info.

Allen Franz – PVPLC Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy will present their Earth Day Wild & Scenic Film Festival 2020 film at the Warner Grand Theater on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 4:00pm. Tickets and info at www.pvplc.org

Tamanna Rahman – the Harbor Community Benefits Foundation has launched Round 7 of their Community Benefit

Grant program which will award up to \$250,000 in grant funds. HCBF is seeking proposals that address the goals described above, but especially are interested in the following topics areas: Air Quality; Land Use & Community Safety; Access to Natural and Other Community Resources; and Community Health & Education. Go to hcbf.org/grants/cb-grants/ for more information.

3. Joint Sustainability Committee Formation Update (Harbor City, Harbor Gateway South, Harbor Gateway North, Watts, and Wilmington Neighborhood Councils; request for input)

Rosalie Preston – Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council itemized a series of issues impacting their stakeholders.

A suggestion to possibly relocate the Joint Sustainability Committee meeting to a more centralized location. Potential sites: Kaiser Permanente Conference Bungalows Harbor City Library.

4. Assembly Bill 2103 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy territory: Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island; Ref: Council File 19-0002-S73.

A CIS for the City Council File and **pending Resolution** were prepared by Gwendolyn Henry.

For distribution to the other NCs. The CIS can be filed now. The Resolution must wait until the City Council votes and Mayor signs.

Motion: Tom Maeder Second: Allen Franz Vote: YES - Unanimous.

5. Update of actions applicable to Rancho Liquid Gas storage, San Pedro.

Tabled.

6. Request to Port of Los Angeles for answers to questions regarding the transport of hazardous materials over Port-owned rail lines.

NWSPNC has composed a letter to the Port asking questions regarding the Port's Risk Management Plan and associated RMPs for all associated agencies that may have jurisdiction. A motion to request the other neighborhood councils support the letter and request the answers to the questions be forwarded to their boards as well. Gwendolyn Henry will compose the request letter.

with item #5 amendment and additions to the CCs

Motion: Gwen Henry Second: Allen Franz Vote: YES - Unanimous.

7. Discussion of Draft Climate Smart Ports Act and input to CA-44 Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragan.

Francisco Carrillo, District Director and Gary Hardie, Jr representative for Congresswoman Nanette Barragan presented a draft bill related to ZE equipment at Ports nationwide. To direct the administrator of the EPA to establish a program to provide grants to eligible entities that provide ports with zero emissions equipment or technology, and for other purposes.

Action: to distribute draft to committee members for review and feedback to March 23rd meeting

8. Discussion of informational forum regarding Rancho LPG.

Ron Conrow - Plains LPG provided a series of documents related to the transport of butane and propane by railcar to and from Rancho LPG.

Stakeholders often have questions regarding activities at the facility. A suggestion - that proactive information distribution prevents misinformation from being distributed and facilitates better communication. A proposal to create a communication methodology, one that ensures the community is notified of improvements, maintenance, any potentially noticeable activities in and around the facility.

Ideas for communication procedures and a potential information forum bring to the March 23rd meeting.

9. Future items.

Street Trees and the Dept of Public Works Sidewalk Repair Program Draft EIR. The Dept of Public Works has extended the deadline for Public Comment to April 24, 2020.

A RESOLUTION regarding Changes to policy surrounding the removal of trees at time of sidewalk repair in the Dept of Public Works' Sidewalk Repair Program Draft EIR (Environmental Impact Report)

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Discuss Hon Nanette Barragan's draft HR bill.

10. Adjournment.

For more information, please call 310.918.8650; write to CSPNC, 1840 S. Gaffey Street, Box 34, San Pedro, CA 90731; or visit the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council website at www.cspnc.org.